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: For: PENETRATION TYPE WASHING MACHINE, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME,  
AND TUB COVER FOR THE SAME

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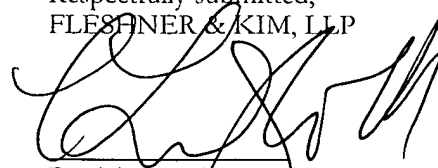
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